

## Communications

LOCAL 6201



## Workers of America

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski,  
The Honorable Meredith Attwell Baker,  
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn,  
The Honorable Michael L. Copps, and  
The Honorable Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Broadband Industry Practices (WS Docket 07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

When you talk about the Internet, do you know that you're talking about the men and women of CWA Local 6201 in Fort Worth, who proudly built the network backbone that quite literally powers broadband in Texas and across the nation?

When you talk about the proposed net neutrality regulations that you and your colleagues will consider on October 22, do you know that you put 738 of these CWA jobs and countless others in Texas at risk due to these onerous, unnecessary regulations? In Fort Worth, there are many, many more dedicated union workers building and maintaining the Internet than there are content makers.

If our nation is to recover fully from the depths of this terrible recession, it will be because of the sweat and efforts of my brothers and sisters. The telecommunications industry generates good-paying, secure jobs and additional capital investment in the infrastructure that drives our nation's economic growth and competitiveness in a global marketplace.

Unionized labor brings the Internet to life and helps it reach rural and urban Americans too. The CWA and our proud members are gravely concerned that the proposed net neutrality provisions benefit only a handful of powerful content developers-not the men and women like our members or the everyday American family.

We urge the Federal Communications Commission to proceed with caution before implementing regulations that may take our country down a path that would reduce investments and limit jobs in an industry sector so crucial to our larger well being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denny Kramer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Denny" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kramer".

Denny Kramer  
President

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